(c) The Chief Executive/Functional Directors in public sector undertakings are always answerable to the Government for their lapses and mismanagement of the unit irrespective of the period of their tenure.

Crisis in Automobile Industry

671. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the automobile industry is facing a crisis arising out of slow pace of indigenisation increasing fuel costs and glut in certain products; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to meet this crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) For a proper growth and development of the automobile industry in the country. Govt. have encouraged the automobile manufacturers to upgrade and modernise their technologies to manufacture modern and fuel efficient vehicles. In furtherance of this, various measures such as exemption from MRTP Act, de-lincensing of auto-ancillary industry, fiscal concessions to both the vehicle and component manufacturers, broad-banding and permitting capacity expansion to minimum economies of scale of production, have been taken by the Govt.

Agreement between BCCL and Steel Authority

672. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been arrived at between Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) and Steel Authority of India Ltd. on the increase in price of coking coal;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) how far this is likely to have an adverse effect on the coal consumed by the common man?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Consequent upon the upward revision of price of raw coal notified by the Government, increase in statutory levies payable to State Governments and escalation in operating cost due to wage increase and escalation in cost of stores and other inputs, the price of washed coal, which is a by-product of raw coal input to washery, has been settled by negotiation between Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. and Steel Authority of India Ltd. recently.

(c) Revision of washed coal price has no effect on the coal consumed by common man.

Cut in oil production in Bombay High

673. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to impose a cut in the rate of oil producion in Bombay High while the ONGC has drawn up a plan to maintain the level of production for another five years through enhanced oil recovery and infill drilling;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is likely to affect the further development of Bombay High besides overall reduction in the oil production and if so, to what extent oil imports are likely to increase as a consequence thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER

AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b and (c) Do not arise.

News report captioned "Loophole in Licensing to manipulate capacity"

674. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report captioned "Loophole in licensing to manipulate capacity" which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 15th June, 1986;

(b) if so, whether the Planning Commission has revealed that there are several loopholes in manipulating the licensed capacity by the industries in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to revise the procedure of granting industrial licences; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The news report briefly refers to the study made by a Planning Commission consultant on the functioning of the Industrial Licensing Policy. It has *inter-alia* been pointed out that industrial licensing was not generally a constraint in achievement of Plan targets. It has also been mentioned that as against the first Three Plan periods licensing has been progressively more liberal and in a large number of industries the licensed capacity was adequate to fulfil the Plan targets.

However, the industrial licensing policy and procedure are constantly reviewed with a view to liberalising and streamlining them further to achieve the production targets laid down for the Seventh Plan period. A number of steps such as delicensing of certain industries, broad banding, re-endorsement of industrial capacity, endorsement of capacity arising out of modenisation, renovation, replacement etc. have been taken with this end in view.

Mobile courts

675. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to launch mobile courts in the country for quicker and door to door justice to the people;

(b) if so, by when such mobile courts are likely to be launched and the details of the cities in which the same will be launched; and

(c) to what extent the people will get justice at their doors itself and how much of the pressure on the lower courts will be reduced as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government. However, the Joint Conference of Chief Justices, Chief Ministers and Law Ministers held on 31st August—1st September, 1985 adopted a resolution, commending a scheme for setting up mobile courts. The States have been directed to submit their views and comments on the said scheme for review in the next Joint Conference.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Production of Commercial Vehicles

676. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are serious imbalances in the production of commercial vehicles, passenger